



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0010-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Saito et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Application No.: 09/686,370 ) Examiner: R. Kackar  
Filed: October 12, 2000 )  
For: PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 4800  
CONSERVATION OF )  
PROCESSING GASES (As )  
Amended) )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 30, 2004 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the claim listing below. Remarks follow the claim listing of this paper.